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NEW UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

Sir:

Transmitted for filing on May 24, 2000 is the patent application of

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For: **PROCESS FOR PREPARING ALKYLPHOSPHONITE ESTERS**

1. This new application is for a(n)
 - ☒ Original (nonprovisional)
 - ☐ Divisional
 - ☐ Continuation
 - ☐ Continuation-in-Part
2. Papers enclosed that are required for filing date under 37 CFR 1.53(b) (Regular)
 - 21 Pages of Specification and Claims (28 in number)
 - 1 Pages of Abstract
 - 0 N/A sheets of drawings
3. Additional papers enclosed:
 - ☒ Preliminary Amendment
 - ☐ Information Disclosure Statement
 - ☐ Form PTO-1449
 - ☐ References Cited
4. Declaration or Oath:
 - ☒ Enclosed - EXECUTED BY INVENTORS
 - ☐ Not Enclosed

5. An assignment of the invention to Clariant GmbH is attached. A separate "Assignment Recordation Form Cover Sheet" is also attached.
6. Certified copy of application from which priority is claimed is attached.

Country	Application No.	Filed
Federal Republic of Germany	199 23 615.1	May 25, 1999

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Basic Filing Fee					\$690.00
<u>Number Filed</u>	<u>Number Extr</u>		<u>Rate</u>		
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Total Claims: 28	Minus 20	=8	X \$18.00		\$ 144.00
Independent Claims: 1	Minus 3	=	X \$78.00		
Multiple Dependent Claims (if any)				+\$260.00	
TOTAL FEE DUE					\$834.00

- ☐ Amendment canceling extra claims is enclosed.
- ☒ Amendment deleting multiple-dependencies is enclosed.
- ☐ Fee for extra claims is not being paid at this time.

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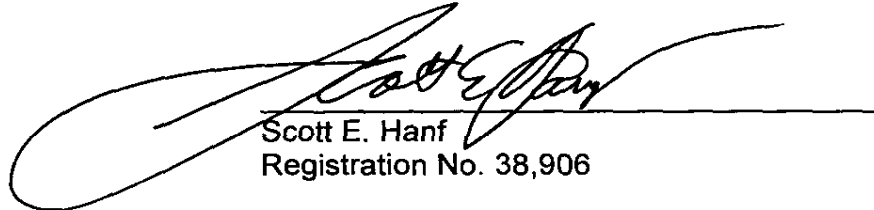
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- ☒ The total filing fee calculated above is authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 03-2060 for which purpose a duplicate copy of this cover sheet is attached.

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Respectfully submitted,



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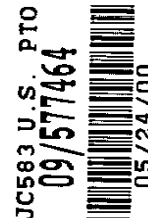

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